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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068 June 19, 2001

Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please add the following:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:

This application claims priority of Japanese patent Application No. 2000-184450, filed on June 20, 2000.--

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendment, consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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